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- TIONS/LAWYER'S REMARKS
1. FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER "L'HUMANITE" ON JUNE
27 REPORTED THAT A USG INVESTIGATOR (VARIOUSLY DESCRIBED
AS "THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WASHINGTON PROSECUTOR
CHARGED WITH INVESTIGATING THE LINKS BETWEEN BARBIE AND
THE CIA" AND "A CIA FUNCTIONARY") HAD BEEN TO LYON TO
STUDY FRENCH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE DOCUMENTS. "L'HUMANITE"
ARTICLE DESCRIBES PRESSURES IN US TO OPEN BARBIE INVES-
TIGATION AND CITES DABRINGHAUSE REVELATIONS THAT SINCE
1945 BARBIE HAD BEEN USED BY AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SER-

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VICES IN THE "ANTI-COMMUNIST FIGHT" AND NBC REPORT ON THE "COMPLICITY OF AMERICAN AUTHORITIES TO KEEP BARBIE FROM FRENCH JUSTICE". ARTICLE ALSO CITES ERNEST VOLKMAN'S RECENT ARTICLE WHICH CLAIMS BARBIE "REGULARLY TRANSMITTED INFORMATION TO THE CIA UNTIL 1982 WHILE BEING INVOLVED IN COCAINE TRAFFICKING TOWARDS THE US. "L'HUMANITE" ASKS: "WITH THIS BACKGROUND, WHAT WAS THIS CIA FUNCTIONARY LOOKING FOR (IN LYON)?"

2. "L'HUMANITE" ARTICLE ALSO MENTIONS THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE ASKED THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF JUSTICE FOR AUTHORIZATION TO LOOK AT BARBIE'S "DOSSIER" AND TO QUESTION HIM. THE NEWSPAPER REMINDS ITS READERS THAT FROM SPRING 1941 UNTIL HIS ARRIVAL IN LYON IN NOVEMBER 1942 BARBIE WAS IN CHARGE OF A GERMAN COMMANDO UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR NUMEROUS MASSACRES IN THE SOVIET UNION.

(NOTE: THIS IS FIRST PRESS MENTION OF SOVIET INTEREST IN INTERVIEWING BARBIE WE HAVE NOTICED. MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OFFICIAL DE GOUTTES INFORMED JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATOR RYAN OF SOVIET REQUEST DURING JUNE 7 MEETING IN PARIS.)

3. IN AN "EXCLUSIVE" INTERVIEW IN THE JUNE 25 "QUOTIDIEN DE PARIS", BARBIE'S FORMER LAWYER, ALAIN DE LA SERVETTE, COMMENTED ON HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE BARBIE CASE ("IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO WORK TOGETHER WITH VERGES"), HIS REASONS FOR ACCEPTING THE CASE ("IT WAS THE BARBIE AFFAIR, NOT BARBIE, THAT INTERESTED ME") AND BARBIE'S DEPARTURE FROM BOLIVIA. DE LA SERVETTE NOTED THAT BARBIE WAS NEITHER EXPELLED NOR EXTRADITED FROM BOLIVIA BUT THAT "THE LAW WAS TAKEN INTO ONE'S OWN HANDS". HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE BARBIE'S PROSECUTORS COULD MAINTAIN THAT THEY WERE CONCERNED ONLY WITH THE FACT BARBIE WAS IN FRANCE, AND NOT HOW BARBIE WAS BROUGHT TO FRANCE, THERE WAS ENOUGH EVIDENCE OF COMPLICITY BETWEEN THE BOLIVIAN AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS THAT THE COURT SHOULD DETERMINE IF THERE WERE IRREGULARITIES IN THIS MATTER.

4. DE LA SERVETTE FELT THAT, WHILE THERE WERE "CERTAIN PEOPLE" WHO WISHED THERE BE NO BARBIE TRIAL, THE TRIAL WOULD INDEED TAKE PLACE BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM THOSE SEEKING CIVIL DAMAGES. DE LA SERVETTE ADDED THAT THE BARBIE TRIAL WOULD OFFER ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE JEAN MOULIN AFFAIR BUT CAUTIONED THAT BARBIE ("WHO REMEMBERS THIS EVENT VERY WELL") WAS CAPABLE OF SAYING ANYTHING: "WHO KNOWS IF HE WILL TELL THE TRUTH?" GALBRAITH

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